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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST BY SOVIET CREWMAN

1. DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED BY INS MAY 16 THAT CREWMEMBER OF SOVIET RESEARCH VESSEL DMITRIY MEDELEYEV, VYACHESLAV A. KOVALEV, HAD REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM OF US AUTHORITIES IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. MENDELEYEV HAS BEEN ON JOINT RESEARCH CRUISE WITH US SCIENTISTS.

2. INS HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT KOVALEV IS IN SAFE CUSTODY AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL ASYLUM REQUEST ACTED UPON.

3. SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICER FROM CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO HAS FLOWN TO HONOLULU WITHOUT RECEIVING DEPARTMENT PERMISSION, AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO ARRANGE CONFRONTATION WITH KOVALEV. KOVALEV IS REPORTEDLY NOT INTERESTED IN SPEAKING TO SOVIET OFFICIAL AT THIS TIME. AS IN PREVIOUS CASES, DEPARTMENT WOULD PLAN TO FOLLOW NORMAL PROCEDURE AND ALLOW SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICER TO INTERVIEW KOVALEV IN PRESENCE OF SOV
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OFFICER WITHIN A FEW DAYS IF FORMAL REQUEST MADE FOR

ACCESS AND IF KOVALEV AGREES. KISSINGER

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